Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended) A method for transmitting a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with at least one identifier, the identifier is associated with at least one communication device, comprising:

    receiving a message;

    receiving a recipient identifier for said message, the recipient ~~alias~~ identifier associated with at least one communication device;

    verifying that the recipient identifier is available to the system;

    verifying that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier by referring to the permission associated with the identifier;

    transmitting the message to at least one communication device associated with the identifier;

    retrieving a maximum message length for a communication device associated with the identifier;

    determining the message length of the received message;

    comparing the message length of the received message to the maximum message length; and

    modifying the transmission of the message when the message length of the received message exceeds the maximum message length by sending a concatenated message.

Claim 16 (currently amended) A method for transmitting a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with at least one identifier, the identifier is associated with at least one communication device, comprising:

    receiving a message;

receiving a recipient identifier for said message, the recipient ~~alias~~

identifier associated with at least one communication device;

verifying that the recipient identifier is available to the system;

verifying that the sender has permission to send a message to the identifier

by referring to the permission associated with the identifier;

transmitting the message to at least one communication device associated

with the identifier;

retrieving a maximum message length for a communication device

associated with the identifier;

determining the message length of the received message;

comparing the message length of the received message to the maximum

message length; and

modifying the transmission of the message when the message length of the

received message exceeds the maximum message length by sending a

concatenated message and adding a header to the message.

Claims 17-32 (Canceled)